Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The 95th Evacuation Hospital was reactivated on March 26, 1963, at Fort Benning, Georgia, and altered for overseas movement; and,

Whereas, On March 26, 1968, the 95th Evacuation Hospital arrived in the Republic of Vietnam and was set up as a temporary tent hospital on the shores of the South China Sea near the Marble Mountains south of DaNang, and the hospital was temporarily supplemented with some trauma surgical equipment until the construction of the fixed facility was completed; and,

Whereas, Approximately four months later, the 95th Evacuation Hospital moved to the newly constructed 320-bed hospital at the base of Monkey Mountain, eight miles to the north of its original location; and,

Whereas, The wide range of professional capabilities made the 95th Evacuation Hospital a referral center for difficult cases throughout the Northern Military Combat Tactical Region; and,

Whereas, The 95th Evacuation Hospital was not only an evacuation hospital but a trauma surgical hospital as well and was continually harassed by enemy action in the nearby areas requiring personnel to put in grueling 12 hour shifts of patient care and then stand watch on the perimeter the other 12 hours; and,

Whereas, The freedoms and liberties we are blessed to enjoy are a direct result of the courage, devotion, and sacrifice of the 95th Evacuation team, and we are grateful for their brave service and draw inspiration and pride from all that they did:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2017, as

95TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL RECOGNITION DAY

in South Dakota and I invite all South Dakotans to gratefully acknowledge this outstanding group and honor their proud legacy. We will never forget their self-less service and sacrifices and the many lives they saved.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State